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G. W. GARRETT

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COMNAVAIRLANT (N02P)

Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

COMMAND HISTORY

Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet was established on 1 July 1971 replacing Commander Fleet Air Norfolk as supervisor, coordinator, and director of operations, maintenance, supply, and administration for Atlantic Fleet fighter squadrons. With the disestablishment of Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet on 17 December 1996, Fighter Wing Atlantic assumed the overall responsibility for the continuing material readiness and type training of the entire F-14 community.

In 1996, Fighter Wing Atlantic integrated and deployed the LANTIRN weapons system to the F-14 Tomcat giving it Precision Strike Capability. This phenomenal success is the single most important development in F-14 warfighting capability since the aircraft's initial operational capability in 1972. Other Fighter Wing Atlantic accomplishments include the integration and deployment of the near real time Digital TARPS pod, the Night Vision Instrumentation System.

Fighter Wing Atlantic provides operational and administrative control of Fighter Squadron 101 and Strike Weapons and Tactics School, Atlantic and administrative control of Fleet Composite Squadron EIGHT. The Commander coordinates, for the squadron/air wing commander, the scheduling of such functions as safety inspections, aircraft material inspections and modification programs, Standard Depot Level Maintenance (SDLM) schedules, unit weapons deployments, and competitive exercises. Fighter Wing, Atlantic also assists the air wing commanders and fleet squadron commanding officers in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, when squadrons are deployed.

Fighter Wing Atlantic consists of 12 operational squadrons flying the F-14 Tomcat; Fleet Replacement Squadron, VF-101; Strike, Weapons and Tactics School Atlantic; Fleet Composite Squadron 8. It is comprised of 270 aircraft and more than 5,000 officers and enlisted personnel. The prompt provision of services and facilities to Fighter Wing squadrons and their personnel ensures maximum combat readiness for the entire Atlantic Fleet.

COMFITWINGLANT CALENDAR YEAR 1998

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. To exercise administrative and operational control over readiness training squadrons and other units assigned. Fighter Wing Atlantic assists air wing commanders and fleet squadron commanding officers in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, while squadrons are deployed.

b. Commander. Captain Gene W. Garrett.

c. Command Relationships. Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet reports to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

2. Chronology

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
21FEB98	Fleet Composite Squadron TWELVE Change of Command. Commander J. R. Tudell relieved Commander C. E. Overcash.
6MAR98	Fighter Squadron 2 Change of Command. Commander S. D. Stewart relieved Commander J. E. McAloon.
21MAR98	Fighter Squadron 102 Change of Command. Commander D. S. Dervay relieved Commander K. F. Daill.
12JUN98	Fighter Squadron 41 Change of Command. Commander J. A. Aucoin relieved Commander K. P. Neubauer.
18JUN98	Fighter Squadron 154 Change of Command. Commander S. D. Bailey relieved A. A. Brugal.
31JUL98	Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Change of Command. Captain G. W. Garrett relieved Captain T. F. Enright.
14AUG98	Fighter Squadron 211 Change of Command. Commander M. A. Kohart relieved Commander D. Baranek.

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21AUG98 Fleet Composite Squadron 8 Change of Command. Commander S. D. Kornatz relieved Commander J. G. Speer.

3SEP98 Strike, Weapons and Tactics School, Atlantic Change of Command. Commander T. S. Parmenter relieved Commander S. M. Jacobsmeyer.

4SEP98 Fighter Squadron 31 Change of Command. Commander F. G. Doran relieved Commander M. C. Manazir.

6NOV98 Fighter Squadron 14 Change of Command. Commander W. E. Carter relieved Commander L. R. Parent.

4DEC98 Fighter Squadron 11 Change of Command. Commander D. L. Whitener relieved Commander M. A. Vance.

3. Administrative Department

a. The Bronze Anchor Award (Shore Command) winner for 1998 was VC-8. The Bronze Anchor Award (Sea Command) winner for 1998 was VF-143. The COMNAVAIRLANT Silver Anchor Award winner was VF-143.

b. First Quarter Senior Sailor of the Quarter was AK2
(b) (6) First Quarter Junior Sailor of the Quarter was AN
Second Quarter Senior Sailor of the Quarter was PH1
Second Quarter Junior Sailor of the Quarter was YN3
Third Quarter Senior Sailor of the Quarter was AK1
Third Quarter Junior Sailor of the Quarter was AN (b) (6)
Fourth Quarter Senior Sailor of the Quarter was AMS3 (b) (6)
Fighter Wing Atlantic Sailor of the Year was AK1 (b) (6)

c. Command Navy Achievement medals were awarded to:

LT (b) (6) Special act/Fighter Fling.

ADC (b) (6) - Special act/Significant contribution to FOD prevention.

AD1 (b) (6) - Special act/Refurbishing of squadron work center spaces and Wing Retention Center.

AME1 (b) (6) - Special act/VF-2 Sailor of the Year and Fighter Wing Atlantic 1997 Sailor of the Year.

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AT1 (b) (6) - Special act/1997 Sailor of the Year for all Fighter Wing Atlantic shore commands.

AE2 (b) (6) - Special act/Resolved critical inventory problem for the Auxiliary Retail Office.

4. Readiness Department

a. Conducted six operational deployments involving seven squadrons with F-14A/B/D LANTIRN equipped precision strike capable aircraft.

b. Transitioned VF-14, VF-41, and VF-154 from F-14A Analog Flight Control System (AFCS) aircraft to F-14A Digital Flight Control System (DFCS) aircraft.

c. Continued modification for and integration of Night Vision Devices in the F-14A/B/D.

d. Continued operational deployments with TARPS/Digital Imagery (DI) on the F-14A/B/D.

e. Introduced the Fact Tactical Imagery (FTI) system for the F-14A in VF-14, VF-41, and VF-154. The system enables the F-14 to transmit LANTIRN or other video imagery to a ground station, as well as receive up-transmitted imagery.

f. Introduced Embedded GPS/INS capability on the F-14B and F-14D.

g. Assisted the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development (ASN/RDA) and COMNAVAIRSYSCOM in evaluation of TARPs-Complete Digital (TARPS-CD) enhancements.

h. Provided briefing tours, simulator demonstrations and orientation flights for numerous distinguished visitors.

i. Provided F-14 flight demonstration throughout the Continental United States.

COMFITWINGLANT CALENDAR YEAR 1998 (Cont'd)

5. Maintenance Department

a. Forward deployed VF-213 and VF-32 following transition from F-14A to F-14D and F-14B aircraft respectively. Transition to deployment was accomplished in just over 12 months.

b. Completed Planned Aircraft Allowance (PAA) reduction from 14 to 10 aircraft in eight squadrons and from 13 to 11 aircraft in four squadrons. Reductions required in response to Fatigue Life Expenditure (FLE) increase as reported by AIR 4.3.1 and PMA-241.

c. Reduced active F-14A inventory by 14 aircraft. Transferred three aircraft to AMARC for War Reserve, completed SARDIP on four aircraft at NAS Oceana, NAS Point Mugu, NAS Fallon, and St. Augustine, Florida. Provided two aircraft to Eglin AFB in support of EOD training, three aircraft to China Lake in support of live weapons testing and two aircraft to the Naval Aviation Museums in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Midland, Texas.

d. Received 12 aircraft from COMNAVRESFOR as a result of VF-210's transition from F-14s to F/A-18s.

e. Inducted 41 aircraft for SDLM in accordance with the F-14 Roadmap I: 20 aircraft completed SDLM.

f. Installed the following operational and structural enhancements at five separate geographical locations including NAS Oceana, NAS Point Mugu, NAS Norfolk, NADEP Jacksonville, and Northrop-Grumman, St. Augustine:

(1) LANTIRN	- 13
(2) BOL	- 16
(3) F-14B Upgrade	- 14
(4) ALR-67	- 29
(5) DFCS	- 26
(6) NVIS	- 40
(7) FTI	- 25

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- (8) Wing leading edge - 28
- (9) Wing Bearing - 17
- (10) Dim 5k TCR - 8

g. Performed 265 Planner and Estimator repairs stationed at NAS Oceana.

h. In response to increased tension in the Persian Gulf, provided LANTIRN and TARPS DI capability and assets to VF-154 within two weeks of request and in time for early deployment. During the same timeframe, provided 22 of 24 LANTIRN PODs to deployed CVBG commanders.

i. Total end of year active F-14 aircraft inventory is as follows:

F-14A	-	102
F-14B	-	77
F-14D	-	50
TOTAL		229

6. Safety Department

Coordinated Command Culture Workshops for squadrons up and down the flight line. These workshops identify trends, attitudes, and practices related to ground and flight safety that could potentially lead to mishaps. This approach to mishap prevention has allowed numerous commands the opportunity to forestall injury, material damage, ground and flight mishaps before they occur.

Worked with Fighter Wing Maintenance to implement changes to the 224 day inspection to include a FOD inspection of the area in and around the pilot's control stick. This change came as a result of jammed flight controls due to FOD and will contribute to the prevention of further incidents of this nature.

CAPTAIN GENE W. GARRETT

UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Gene "Geno" Garrett, a native of (b) (6) received his commission upon graduation from the Pennsylvania State University in May of 1975. After a short layover in VA-45 he was ordered to flight training, receiving designation as Naval Aviator at Beeville, Texas in September 1976. He was assigned to Fighter Squadron 121 at NAS Miramar, California for replacement training in the F-4 Phantom II. After successful completion of training in August 1977, then Ensign Garrett joined Fighter Squadron 102, while deployed aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV 62) in the Mediterranean Sea. He deployed with VF-102 twice more aboard "INDY" to the Mediterranean Sea.

In January 1980, he reported to VF-171 at NAS Oceana as a FRA Landing Signal Officer Instructor. Upon completion of this shore duty tour, the then Lieutenant Garrett joined CVW-5 on board the USS MIDWAY (CV 41), forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan as the Wing Landing Signal Officer. While on board CAG-5, he made numerous deployments throughout the WESTPAX theater of operations as well as the Indian Ocean and North Pacific. In June 1984, Garrett reported to the fleet adversary outfit, Fighter Squadron 43, where his duties included Aviation Safety Officer and Operations Officer. While on board VF-43, serving as an adversary instructor pilot, he flew the F-5E, T-38, TA-4J, A-4E/F, and F-21 KFIR aircraft. Upon completion of F-14 transition on board VF-101 in August of 1987, Lieutenant Commander Garrett received orders to Fighter Squadron 32 where he served as Operations Officer and Maintenance Officer, deploying on board the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67). In June 1989, Lieutenant Commander Garrett reported to the Naval Military Personnel Command and served as both the Major Staff Placement Officer and F-14 Combat Placement Officer. Commander Garrett reported aboard VF-142 in July 1991 as the Executive Officer and took over the reigns as the Commanding Officer in July of 1992. While assigned to the "GHOSTRIDERS", he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM.

Commander Garrett turned over the helm of VF-142 in October of 1993 and reported to Commander, Carrier Group TWO as the Air Operations Officer. Following this tour, Captain Garrett was assigned to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet in August of 1995. At AIRLANT, Captain Garrett served as the Warfighting Requirements Officer. Captain Garrett has accumulated over 4,800 flight hours and 1,102 carrier arrested landings during his career.

Captain Garrett is married to the former (b) (6)
(b) (6) They reside with their daughter, (b) (6)



FORMER WING COMMANDERS

Captain Eugene Bezore	1 July 1971-4 January 1972
Captain Wilbert D. Knutson	4 January 1972-16 July 1974
Captain Lowell R. Myers	16 July 1974-27 August 1975
Captain Gerald L. Riendeau	27 August 1975-27 August 1976
Captain John S. Disher	27 August 1976-28 April 1978
Captain Samuel C. Flynn, Jr.	28 April 1978-31 July 1980
Captain Robert E. Tucker, Jr.	31 July 1980-2 April 1982
Captain Frederick L. Lewis	2 April 1982-7 October 1983
Captain Roy Cash, Jr.	7 October 1983-7 February 1985
Captain Donald L. McCrory	7 February 1985-21 February 1986
Captain John F. Manning, Jr.	15 September 1986-9 August 1988
Captain Curtiss W. Schantz Jr.	9 August 1988-17 May 1990
Captain Richard W. Potter	17 May 1990-24 June 1991
Captain James Flaherty, Jr.	24 June 1991-7 August 1992
Captain Robert S. Schmidt	7 August 1992-30 September 1994
Captain Dale O. Snodgrass	30 September 1994-30 January 1997
Captain Thomas F. Enright	31 January 1997 - 31 July 1998

COMFITWINGLANT STAFF DIRECTORY22 FEBRUARY 1999DSN: 433:

<u>Codes</u>	<u>Primary and Collateral Duties</u>	<u>Rank/Name</u>	<u>433/IC</u>
N00	Commander	CAPT G. W. GARRETT	4000/221
N002	Commodore/CSO Secretary	MRS. M. A. RETTERER	4003/223
N004	Command Master Chief	AFCM J. F. WRIGHT	4288/273
N02	Chief Staff Officer	CDR (b) (6)	4001/222
N02A	Admin Officer	LCDR (b) (6)	4002/224
N02A1	Admin CPO	YNC (b) (6)	4008/227
N02A2	Admin Yeoman	YN2 (b) (6)	4007/226
N02A3	Admin Yeoman	YN2 (b) (6)	4024/230
ADMIN	Duty Driver	AN (b) (6)	4023/228
N02F	Budget Analyst	MS. N. R. LORD	4006/256
N02F1	Budget Assistant	YNSN (b) (6)	4058/258
N02F2	Budget LPO	YN2 (b) (6)	4010/260
N02G	FITWING Chaplain	LT (b) (6)	4369/2871
N02M	Senior Medical Officer	CDR (b) (6)	4004/225
N02P	Public Affairs Officer	LT (b) (6)	4015/271
N02P1	Assistant PAO	VACANT	
N02T	Command Career Counselor	NCC (b) (6)	4029/4872/232
N2	SSO	ISC (b) (6)	2317
N2A	Assistant SSO	CTA2 (b) (6)	2317
N2B	SSO	CTAC (b) (6)	2317
N83	Readiness Officer	CDR (b) (6)	4020/265
N83A	Readiness Secretary/RAINBOW	MRS. (b) (6)	4019/267
N83B	Assistant Readiness Officer/T&R	CDR (b) (6)	4011/270
N83B1	Midshipman Coordinator	LT (b) (6)	4014/272
N83B2	NORAD Officer	VACANT	
N83B3	MISSILEX/TACTS Range Liaison OFFICER/F-18E/F	LT (b) (6)	4015/271
N83B4	COMPEX	LT (b) (6)	1722
N83B5		VACANT	
N83P	Aeromedical Safety Officer/ Laser Systems Safety Officer	LT (b) (6)	4017/269
N83R	USNR Liaison Officer	VACANT	4015/271
N831	QUOTAS/RACKS/TANK	LT (b) (6)	4015/271
N832A	Training Route/Noise Complaint/CFC/Battle "E"	LCDR (b) (6)	4013/268

Enclosure (6)

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N833	HURREVAC Officer	LT (b) (6)	4015/271
N833A	Assistant HURREVAC Officer	LT	4017/269
N834	DFCS/F18-E/F	LT	4014/272
N835	CFC/Assistant PAO	LT	4014/271
N836	LANTIRN PROJECT	LT	3804
N837	FRS PRODUCTION/ASST AIRSHOW COORD	LT	4011
N553	Simulator Officer	LT	4014/272
N553A	Supervisory Simulator Advisor	MR. R. J. SHAW	2548
N553C	Simulator Advisor	MR. M. R. MCDONOUGH	3082
	TACTS Range	MR. R. ARBUCKLE	1900
	TACTS Fax Machine		1916
N44D	Safety Officer	LCDR (b) (6)	4021/266
N4	Maintenance Officer	CDR	4056/239
N4A	Maintenance MCPO	AVCM	4050/253
N4B	Special Projects Officer	LCDR	4046/247
N41	F-14 Material Expeditor	PRCM	4036/238
N41A	Supply Advisor	AKC	4036/235
N41A1	Asst. Supply Advisor	AK1	4034/236
N41A2	Asst. Supply Advisor	AK2	4034/236
N41A3	OPTAR Manager	AK2	4034/236
N41B	IMRL Manager	ATC	4035/237
N41C	SARDIP	AMHC	5149
N421	Avionics/Material Control	LCDR	4054/253
N421A	Fire Control/Electrical Advisor	AECS	4049/246
N421B	Avionics/EW Advisor	ATCS	4047/245
N421C	Avionics/EW Advisor	ATC	4047/245
N421D	LANTIRN/TARPS	PH1 (b) (6)	4046/247
N422	Inventory Control/Airframes	LT	4055/254
N422A	Airframes Advisor	AMSC	4044/245
N422B	Corrosion/Hydraulic Advisor	AMHC	4048/249
N422C	Power Plants Advisor	ADC	4051/252

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N422D	Egress/Env Advisor	AMEC (b) (6)	4054/251
N422E	Aviation Analyst Advisor	AZC	4060/233
N422E1	Asst. Aviation Analyst	AZ1	4040/234
N422E2	Maintenance Admin	AZ2	4040/234
N423	Manpower/Training	LTJG	4033/257
N423A	Maintenance Training Supervisor	ATCS	4025/261
N423A1	Maintenance Training Team	AD1	4066/264
N423A2	Maintenance Training Team	AMS1	4028/263
N423A3	Maintenance Training Team	AZ2	4067/262
N423B	HAZMAT/Safety	AMSC	4031/259
		AMCS	D
N423C	Facilities/Transportation	MMC	4041
		ADCS	
N6	ADP Coordinator	VACANT	4030/231
N61	ADP Assistant	RM1 (b) (6)	4026/229
N85	Weapons Division Officer	LTJG	4038/240
N85A	Weapons Supervisor	AOC	4037/241
N85A1	Weapons Advisor	AO1 (b) (6)	4037/275
N85A2	Weapons Advisor	AO1	4082/275
N85B	NAWC Detachment	MR. R. ROUND	4570
N85B2	NAWC Detachment	MR. H. WALLACE	4571
C4A1	Aircraft Analyst	MR. J. C. O'GRADY	428-7416
C4A3	Aircraft Analyst	MR. B. FRANK	491-8396
C4A4	Aircraft Analyst	MR. J. KADLECIK	4573
P&E	NADEP Jacksonville Det Norfolk	MR. L. EVANS	4039
		MR. K. MOORE	4039
	FAX: 4036	MR. H. MORGAN	4043
VF-101	Instructional Systems Spec.	MR. B. COOK	5144

TELECOPIER PHONE NUMBER - 4009/4022/4032

SIMULATOR TELECOPIER PHONE NUMBER - 2598

COMMANDER, FIGHTER WING, U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET
 OCEANA, VIRGINIA
 COMMAND ORGANIZATION
 STATEMENT OF MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS

OFFICER: 20
 ENLISTED: 43
 CIVILIAN: 10
 CONTRACT: 00
 TOTAL: 73

